



Independence Is Freedom

LAKE COUNTY CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

To whom it may concern:

Lake County Center for Independent Living (LCCIL) serving Lake and McHenry Counties submits the following recommendations for consideration with regard to the 1115 Waiver Concept Paper. We are a disability rights and service organization that was established in 1990 and are governed and staffed by a majority of persons with disabilities. We promote the Independent Living Philosophy and work for a fully accessible society in which individuals with disabilities lead self-directed lives. The 1115 waiver proposal must ensure consumer choice and LCCIL makes the following recommendations waived on the concept paper:

- Representative for the disability community serve on the Pathway Transformation team.
- The final waiver when implemented must include provision for patient/consumer advocate (disability advocate, senior, DD and MI advocate and parent advocate)
- Consumer right of appeal for denial of services and/or any implementation and care plan changes.
- Must publish six month progress on “The Pathway Transformation: for each of the first three years and quarterly thereafter. Report must be made public.

And finally this waiver will result in a major change in the way service is delivered in Illinois and therefore we ask that the implementation of public forums, meetings and input be required.

Sincerely

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